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1 Pixel merging for object-parallel rendering: a distributed snooping algorithm

Michael Cox, Pat Hanrahan

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Keywords: cache coherency, object-parallel rendering, pixel merging, snoopy cache

2 Hybrid volume and polygon rendering with cube hardware

Kevin Kreeger, Arie Kaufman

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Keywords: cube architecture, mixing polygons and volumes, ray casting, run-length-encoding, volume rendering

3 Performance issues of a distributed frame buffer on a multicomputer

Bin Wei, Douglas W. Clark, Edward W. Felten, Kai Li, Gordon Stoll

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Keywords: multi-port distributed frame buffer, multicomputers, parallel rendering, synchronization

4 The triangle processor and normal vector shader: a VLSI system for high performance graphics

Michael Deering, Stephanie Winner, Bic Schediwy, Chris Duffy, Neil Hunt



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Current affordable architectures for high-speed display of shaded 3D objects operate orders of magnitude too slowly. Recent advances in floating point chip technology have outpaced polygon fill time, making the memory access bottleneck between the drawing processor and the frame buffer the most significant factor to be accelerated. Massively parallel VLSI system have the potential to bypass this bottleneck, but to date only at very high cost. We describe a new more affordable VLSI solution. A pi ...

Keywords: graphics VLSI, hardware lighting models, interpolation, real-time image display, shading, triangle processor

5 **Visualizing information spaces: Automatic graphical abstraction in intent-based 3D-illustrations**

Antonio Krüger

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The purpose of this paper is to present models, methods and techniques to control automatically the degree of details in graphics or animation in an intelligent way. Instead of just aiming at the technical advantages of such a reduction (i.e. saving computer memory and computational load), this work focuses on clarifying the intention of graphics or animation with the means of abstraction. The goal is to direct the viewer's attention to relevant parts of the graphics, without using metaobjects o ...

6 **Theory and application of specular path perturbation**

Min Chen, James Arvo

October 2000 **ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG)**, Volume 19 Issue 4

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In this paper we apply perturbation methods to the problem of computing specular reflections in curved surfaces. The key idea is to generate families of closely related optical paths by expanding a given path into a high-dimensional Taylor series. Our path perturbation method is based on closed-form expressions for linear and higher-order approximations of ray paths, which are derived using Fermat's Variation Principle and the Implicit Function Theorem (IFT). The perturbation formula presen ...

Keywords: Taylor series, implicit surfaces, optics, perturbation theory, specular reflection

7 **A ray-slice-sweep volume rendering engine**

Ingmar Bitter, Arie Kaufman

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Keywords: compositing, gradient estimation, hardware design, perspective projection, volume rendering architecture, volume visualization

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Ingrid Carlom, Indranil Chakravarty, William M. Hsu

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Homan Igehy, Gordon Stoll, Pat Hanrahan

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10 Z3: an economical hardware technique for high-quality antialiasing and transparency

Norman P. Jouppi, Chun-Fa Chang

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Keywords: A-buffer, anti-aliasing, supersampling, transparency

11 Steerable interactive television: virtual reality technology changes user interfaces of viewers and of program producers

Ronald Pose

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Television has traditionally been a passive medium from the viewer's perspective. The viewer sits in front of the television receiver and passively absorbs what is presented. On the other hand immersive virtual reality systems engage the user and bring the user into the virtual world, often as a participant rather than just as an observer. This paper looks at applying virtual reality display technology, the Address Recalculation Pipeline, to the familiar technology of television. In so doing it ...

12 Extending graphics hardware for occlusion queries in OpenGL

Dirk Bartz, Michael Meißner, Tobias Hüttner

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Keywords: OpenGL, hierarchical data structures, occlusion culling, visibility

13 Load balancing for multi-projector rendering systems

Rudrajit Samanta, Jiannan Zheng, Thomas Funkhouser, Kai Li, Jaswinder Pal Singh

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Keywords: cluster computing, immersive display systems, load balancing, parallel rendering

14 Hardware accelerated rendering of antialiasing using a modified a-buffer algorithm

Stephanie Winner, Mike Kelley, Brent Pease, Bill Rivard, Alex Yen

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Keywords: antialiasing, image partitioning, plane equation evaluation, scanline, texture mapping, transparency

15 Graphics rendering architecture for a high performance desktop workstation

Chandlee B. Harrell, Farhad Fouladi

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Bob Murphy

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17 The rendering architecture of the DN10000VS

David Kirk, Douglas Voorhies

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The Appollo DN10000VS treats graphics as an integral part of the system architecture. Graphics requirements influence the entire system design. All floating-point computations for graphics are performed by the CPU(s), while rasterizing is handled by simplified hardware having no microcode. We decided to support alpha buffering, quadratic interpolation, and texture mapping directly in hardware. This partitioning reduces the cost of a high-end workstation, without sacrificing high rendering qualit ...

18 Leo: a system for cost effective 3D shaded graphics

Michael F. Deering, Scott R. Nelson

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Keywords: 3D graphics hardware, antialiased lines, floating-point microprocessors, gouraud shading, parallel graphics algorithms, rendering

19 Design of a high performance volume visualization system

Barthold Lichtenbelt

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Keywords: OpenGL, system design, visualization, volume accelerator, volume rendering

20 Combatting rendering latency

Marc Olano, Jon Cohen, Mark Mine, Gary Bishop

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Latency or lag in an interactive graphics system is the delay between user input and displayed output. We have found latency and the apparent bobbing and swimming of objects that it produces to be a serious problem for head-mounted display (HMD) and augmented reality applications. At UNC, we have been investigating a number of ways to reduce latency; we present two of these. Slats is an experimental rendering system for our Pixel-Planes 5 graphics machine guaranteeing a constant single NTSC ...

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21 A display system for the Stellar graphics supercomputer model GS1000

Brian Apgar, Bret Bersack, Abraham Mammen

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This paper describes a high performance display system that has been incorporated into the overall architecture of the Stellar Graphics Supercomputer Model GS1000. The display system is tightly coupled to the CPU, memory system and vector processing unit of this supercomputer, and is capable of rendering 150,000 shaded triangles/sec, and 600,000 short vectors/sec. The goal of the architecture is to share hardware resources between the CPU and display system and achieve a high bandwidth connectio ...

22 Scalable distributed visualization using off-the-shelf components

Alan Heirich, Laurent Moll

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This paper describes a visualization architecture for scalable computer systems. The architecture is currently being prototyped for use in Beowulf-class clustered systems. A set of OpenGL frame buffers are driven in parallel by a set of CPUs. The visualization architecture merges the contents of these frame buffers by user-programmable associative and commutative combining operations. The system hardware is built from off-the-shelf components including OpenGL accelerators, Field Programmabl ...

Keywords: Beowulf, FPGA, OpenGL, cluster, fat-tree, gigabit, visualization

23 VC-1: a scalable graphics computer with virtual local frame buffers

Satoshi Nishimura, Tosiyasu L. Kunii

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Keywords: demand paging, frame buffers, parallel polygon rendering, scalable

24 The digital Michelangelo project: 3D scanning of large statues

Marc Levoy, Kari Pulli, Brian Curless, Szymon Rusinkiewicz, David Koller, Lucas Pereira, Matt Ginzton, Sean Anderson, James Davis, Jeremy Ginsberg, Jonathan Shade, Duane Fulk

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We describe a hardware and software system for digitizing the shape and color of large fragile objects under non-laboratory conditions. Our system employs laser triangulation rangefinders, laser time-of-flight rangefinders, digital still cameras, and a suite of software for acquiring, aligning, merging, and viewing scanned data. As a demonstration of this system, we digitized 10 statues by Michelangelo, including the well-known figure of David, two building interiors, and all 1,163 extant f ...

Keywords: 3D scanning, cultural heritage, graphics systems, mesh generation, range images, rangefinding, reflectance and shading models, sensor fusion

25 A shading language on graphics hardware: the pixelflow shading system

Marc Olano, Anselmo Lastra

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Keywords: procedural shading, real-time image generation, shading language

26 Single-pass full-screen hardware accelerated antialiasing

Jin-Aeon Lee, Lee-Sup Kim

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Keywords: antialiasing, graphics hardware, parallel computing, rendering hardware

27 A MIMD rendering algorithm for distributed memory architectures

Thomas W. Crockett, Tobias Orloff

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Keywords: asynchronous algorithms, multiprocessors, parallel polygon rendering, performance analysis

Pomegranate: a fully scalable graphics architecture

Matthew Eldridge, Homan Igehy, Pat Hanrahan

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Pomegranate is a parallel hardware architecture for polygon rendering that provides scalable input bandwidth, triangle rate, pixel rate, texture memory and display bandwidth while maintaining an immediate-mode interface. The basic unit of scalability is a single graphics pipeline, and up to 64 such units may be combined. Pomegranate's scalability is achieved with a novel "sort-everywhere" architecture that distributes work in a balanced fashion at every stage of the pipeline, ke ...

Keywords: graphics hardware, parallel computing

29 FRAMES: Software tools for modeling, rendering and animation of 3D scenes

Michael Potmesil, Eric M. Hoffert

August 1987 **ACM SIGGRAPH Computer Graphics , Proceedings of the 14th annual conference on Computer graphics and interactive techniques**, Volume 21 Issue 4

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FRAMES is a set of flexible software tools, developed for the UNIX programming environment, that can be used to generate images and animation of 3D scenes. In FRAMES, each stage of the image-rendering pipeline is assigned to a UNIX System filter. The following is a typical FRAMES pipe sequence where each filter performs a task implied by its name:cat scene.frm|euclid|mover|shade|camera|abuffFRAMES was designed to be easy to use, to permit flexible experimentation with new ideas in image rendering ...

30 Multiperspective panoramas for cel animation

Daniel N. Wood, Adam Finkelstein, John F. Hughes, Craig E. Thayer, David H. Salesin

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Keywords: CGI production, compositing, illustration, image-based rendering, mosaics, multiplaning, non-photorealistic rendering

31 Talisman: commodity realtime 3D graphics for the PC

Jay Torborg, James T. Kajiya

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32 Polygon rendering on a stream architecture

John D. Owens, William J. Dally, Ujval J. Kapasi, Scott Rixner, Peter Mattson, Ben Mowery

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The use of a programmable stream architecture in polygon rendering provides a powerful mechanism to address the high performance needs of today's complex scenes as well as the need for flexibility and programmability in the polygon rendering pipeline. We describe how a polygon rendering pipeline maps into data streams and kernels that operate on streams, and how this mapping is used to implement the polygon rendering pipeline on Imagine, a programmable stream processor. We compare our results ...

Keywords: OpenGL, SIMD, graphics hardware, kernels, media processors, polygon rendering, stream architecture, stream processing, streams

33 GI-cube: an architecture for volumetric global illumination and rendering

Frank Dachille, Arie Kaufman

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The power and utility of volume rendering is increased by global illumination. We present a hardware architecture, GI-Cube, designed to accelerate volume rendering, empower volumetric global illumination, and enable a host of ray-based volumetric processing. The algorithm reorders ray processing based on a partitioning of the volume. A cache enables efficient processing of coherent rays within a hardware pipeline. We study the flexibility and performance of this new architecture using both ...

Keywords: hardware accelerator, volume processing, volume rendering, volumetric global illumination, volumetric ray tracing

34 FBRAM: a new form of memory optimized for 3D graphics

Michael F. Deering, Stephen A. Schlapp, Michael G. Lavelle

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FBRAM, a new form of dynamic random access memory that greatly accelerates the rendering of Z-buffered primitives, is presented. Two key concepts make this acceleration possible. The first is to convert the read-modify-write Z-buffer compare and RGB&agr; blend into a single write only operation. The second is to support two levels of rectangularly shaped pixel caches internal to the memory chip. The result is a 10 megabit part that, for 3D graphics, performs read-modify-write cycles ten times faster than ...

Keywords: 3D graphics hardware, caching, dynamic memory, parallel graphics algorithms, rendering

35 Three-dimensional medical imaging: algorithms and computer systems

M. R. Stytz, G. Frieder, O. Frieder

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Keywords: Computer graphics, medical imaging, surface rendering, three-dimensional

imaging, volume rendering

36 Cube-4—a scalable architecture for real-time volume rendering

Hanspeter Pfister, Arie Kaufman

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John S. Montrym, Daniel R. Baum, David L. Dignam, Christopher J. Migdal

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Bruce F. Naylor

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F. A. Ortega, C. D. Hansen, J. P. Ahrens

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